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NOTIFICATION

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Prohibition on plantation of *Paulownia tomentosa* (Chinese Teak)

Whereas, the State Government vide Office Order No. GoS/FEWMD/PR.SECY-PCCF/55 dated 24/06/2017 has imposed a prohibition on plantation of Chinese Teak (*Paulownia tomentosa*) throughout the State of Sikkim;

And whereas, the Standing Committee of State Board of Wildlife of Sikkim has recommended to impose a prohibition on plantation of *Paulownia tomentosa* (Chinese Teak) in the State as it has been reported to cause destruction of pollinators and decreased presence of avifauna;

Now therefore, in partial modification of Office Order No. GoS/FEWMD/PR.SECY-PCCF/55 dated 24/06/2017 and in pursuance of Clause (b) of Section 8 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, State Government hereby accepts the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the State Board of Wildlife of Sikkim and prohibits the plantation of *Paulownia tomentosa* (Chinese Teak) in the State for a period of two (2) years with immediate effect.

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